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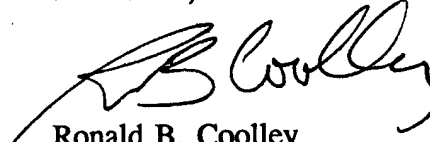
Dear Sir:

A Petition to Vacate a Notice of Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 was filed on May 7, 1993. A copy of that Petition, showing a PTO Mail Room Receipt, is enclosed herewith. Also enclosed herewith are copies of 1) a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 from Shelley Fussey detailing facts associated with our ongoing efforts to resolve that matter and 2) a copy of a letter from Thomas Northrup to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks requesting a status update of this matter.

We have still not heard from anyone at the PTO concerning this matter. We earnestly request a response to our previous correspondence. To the extent that resolution of this matter may be expedited, we are also enclosing herewith a newly executed Petition and Declaration.

Very truly yours,

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